

INFORMATION REPORT

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Ball Bearings
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1. Ball bearings in sizes 30313 and 30316, which are urgently needed for the completion of 4,000 winches by USIA firms, are available in the U.S. Zone in Germany. They will be delivered to Austria via the French Zone*, Switzerland, and Czechoslovakia. The shipment from Switzerland to Czechoslovakia will pass through Austria and will be routed to Vienna from the Austro-Czechoslovak border.**

2. Czechoslovak middlemen in Vienna are attempting to purchase a total of approximately 100,000 ball bearings of various sizes, none of which are manufactured in Austria. Attached is a list of these ball bearings, showing the quantity desired in each size. The middlemen concerned allegedly claim that these ball bearings are for export to Great Britain.***

25X1A6a * [REDACTED] Comment: Presumably the French Zone of Germany.

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25X1A6a *** [REDACTED] Comment: Source does not identify the middleman. Their alleged claim that the ball bearings are intended for export to Great Britain may have been made to deceive prospective suppliers as to the true destination of the ball bearings.

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